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D1 int 4 ~~32~~ (amended) The composition according to claim ~~31~~³, wherein said oxy-boron compound is selected from the group consisting of boric acid and hydrates thereof, sodium borate and hydrates thereof, ammonium borate and hydrates thereof, calcium borate and hydrates thereof, [and hydrates] and mixtures thereof.

7 ~~35~~ (amended) The composition according to claim ~~34~~⁷, wherein said component A comprises, per 100 parts by weight of said wollastonite compound calculated on a basis of pure calcium silicate in said wollastonite compound:

[the equivalent of] said metal phosphate in an amount that contains 14 to 135 parts by weight of phosphorous pentoxide [contained in said metal phosphate,] and

D2 [the equivalent of] 2 to 65 parts by weight of metal oxide [contained in said metal phosphate].

8 ~~36~~ (amended) The composition according to claim ~~35~~⁸, wherein said component A comprises:

[the equivalent of] said metal phosphate in an amount that contains 24 to 86 parts by weight of phosphorous pentoxide [,] and

[the equivalent of] 5 to 47 parts by weight of metal oxide.

D3 15 ~~43~~ (amended) The composition according to claim ~~42~~¹⁵, wherein said surfactant is zinc [stearete] stearate.

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¹¹⁸~~46~~. (amended) The composition according to claim ¹¹⁸~~42~~, wherein said additive is a fibre selected from the group consisting of metal fibre, organic fibre, and non-metal inorganic fibre.

04 ¹⁹~~47~~. (amended) The composition according to claim ¹⁹~~29~~, in the form of a cured shape [, shaped form].

²⁰~~48~~. (amended) The composition of claim ¹⁸~~46~~ in the form of a cured, [shaped] prepreg shape [form].

06 ²³~~51~~ (twice amended). A process for preparing [the] an inorganic resin composition in the form of a cured shape, [according to claim 47] said composition comprising, in combination, as component A an acidic aqueous solution of metal phosphate containing phosphoric acid, as component B an oxy-boron compound, and as component C a wollastonite compound, which process comprises:

mixing said acidic aqueous solution of metal phosphate with said oxy-boron compound at a temperature and for a time sufficient to form a further aqueous solution,

contacting said wollastonite compound with the further aqueous solution to form a slurry, and

applying said slurry on a surface, wherein said slurry sets to the form of the cured shape of the inorganic resin composition.

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28/52 (twice amended). A process for preparing [the] an inorganic resin composition in the form of a cured, prepreg shape, [according to claim 48] which composition comprises, in combination, as component A an acidic aqueous solution of metal phosphate containing phosphoric acid, as component B an oxy-boron compound, and as component C a wollastonite compound, and which composition further comprises a fibre selected from the group consisting of metal fibre, organic fibre, and non-metal inorganic fibre, which process comprises:

mixing said component A, said component B, said component C to form a slurry,

impregnating fibres with said slurry to form a prepreg,

maintaining said prepreg at a temperature sufficiently low to prevent curing thereof, and

applying said prepreg on a surface that supports said prepreg, wherein the slurry in said fibres sets to the form of the cured, prepreg shape.

28/54. (amended) The process according to claim 51, wherein said surface comprises a fibre mat made of fibres selected from the group consisting of inorganic, organic and/or metallic fibres.

28/55. (amended) The process according to claim 54, whereby applying the slurry on said fibre mat effects [further comprising] impregnating said [surface] fibre